

Department of Behavioral Health

Notice of Funding Availability

Second Release

RFA # RM0 SCP 030916

District-Wide Synar Compliance Program

Purpose/Description of Project

The Government of the District of Columbia Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is soliciting applications for the coordination and implementation of the Synar Compliance Program (youth and young adult component) throughout the District of Columbia. In July 1992, Congress enacted the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration Reorganization Act (Public Law 102-321), which includes an amendment (section 1926) aimed at decreasing youth access to tobacco. This amendment requires states (District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and six Pacific jurisdictions) to enact and enforce laws prohibiting the sale or distribution of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 18. The goal of this project is to assist the DBH in ensuring compliance Public Law 102-321 with the capability of recruiting, selecting, training, and managing qualified youth for compliance checks with tobacco licensees, as well as completing the required paperwork. The successful grantee will be expected to highlight their experience relative to the coordination of this project. The grant award is intended to be funded and program implementation to begin on April 1, 2016.

Eligibility

Applicant must:

1. Meet the requirements of either a qualified non-profit with 501(c)3 status or a for-profit community-based organization and/or collaborative based in the District of Columbia; and be currently licensed through the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs;
2. Have successfully managed the Synar Compliance Program, Youth Component for a Single State Authority within the past five (5) years, or have experience managing a program similar in method to the SYNAR program;
3. Have past experience addressing community and public health, substance abuse and behavioral health federal compliance issues; and
4. Document capacity in the form of a plan which utilizes evidence-based practices to implement a Synar protocol for 300-500 compliance checks to reduce underage tobacco sales to youth, in all eight (8) wards in the District of Columbia.

Length of Award

Grant awards will be made for a period of one (1) year from date of the award, and may be continued for up to four (4) additional years based on documented project success and availability of funding.

Available Funding

Approximately \$60,000 is available to fund one (1) non-profit or for-profit community-based

organization and/or collaborative. The grant will be awarded by DBH utilizing funds provided through the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration through the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. No mini-grants or sub-grants are permitted for any entity awarded funding.

Anticipated Number of Awards

Total funds available for this grant opportunity shall not exceed one (1) grant award, not to exceed \$60,000.

Request for Application (RFA) Release

The RFA will be released March 9, 2016. The RFA will be posted on the DBH website, www.dbh.gov under Opportunities, and on the website of the Office of Partnerships and Grants, www.opgs.dc.gov under the District Grants Clearinghouse. A copy of the RFA may be obtained at the DBH, Prevention Services Division office located at 64 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002, 3rd Floor, Suite 309 L from Jeanette Fortune, Grants Management Specialist during the hours of 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. beginning March 9, 2016.

Deadline for Application

The deadline for submission is Friday, March 18, 2016 at 4:45 p.m. EST